

**R O M A N I A**  
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**Madam Chairperson,**

Romania fully associates itself with the statements made by Lithuania, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States and by Poland, on behalf of the Group of Central European and Baltic States.

We would also join the other distinguished delegations in congratulating you on your election as Chairman of the 51st session of the General Assembly of WIPO Member States. Our sincere congratulations go to your vice-chairs as well and we wish to express our confidence in your efficient conduct of the works of the present session of the General Assembly.

**Madam Chairperson,**

Romania would like to express its appreciation for the outstanding work carried out by WIPO over the last year, as well as for Director General's guidance in pursuing the strategic goals of the Organization and in achieving progress on issues of most importance.

In the field of copyright, a notable development has been achieved only some months ago, emphasizing that cooperative atmosphere and openness of all WIPO Member States are key to achieving success. Romania wishes to address special thanks to the Kingdom of Morocco for the excellent organization of the Diplomatic Conference that ended with the adoption of the *WIPO Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities* on June 27, 2013. Likewise, the great work carried out by the Chair, Vice-chairs and the WIPO Secretariat should be acknowledged and praised.

**Madam Chairperson,**

Romania attaches great importance to topics which are high on the WIPO agenda and will make its best to contribute to progress in those respective discussions.

In our assessment, the current status of the draft provisions on industrial design law and practice gives us strong hopes to believe that the next step after the successful conclusion of Beijing and Marrakech Treaties should be a design law formalities treaty. We hold the view that it is only a matter of political will to move to a diplomatic conference and we are looking forward to seeing a consensual approach in this respect.

Protection of broadcaster organizations, through an international binding legal instrument, is another important objective for the Romanian authorities. We consider

that progress can be achieved at a greater pace in the year to follow, if due attention is paid to this topic.

Concerning the IGC, Romania would like to stress its engagement in continuing the discussions on traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions/expressions of folklore and genetic resources based on a new mandate that would establish a pragmatic work program for the next two years.

IPR enforcement continues to represent a top priority for Romania, both in the framework of WIPO and on the national level. The State Office for Inventions and Trademarks and the Romanian Copyright Office implemented numerous activities for strengthening the collaboration established with the law-enforcement agencies in Romania. Moreover, dissemination of information and raising IP awareness actions have continued to receive special importance in our national IP agenda.

Teaching IP to young generations, in public school institutions, has become a new field of action in Romania. We wish to express our gratitude to WIPO for organizing, in collaboration with the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks and the Romanian Copyright Office, the Inter-regional Seminar "Teaching IP", in Sibiu, Romania, on June 19 and 20 of this year.

**Madam Chairperson,**

We fully share the view that creativity plays a prominent role in the economic growth and welfare of a society. We therefore support an effective international IP system, to which both Member States and the WIPO staff should bring their contribution. A genuine spirit of cooperation of Member States should prevail in debates and allow for smooth progress on all topics. As for WIPO, we underline the importance we attach to transparent governance, in all matters.

Thank you.